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WORK TO RESUME ON HOLDERNESS-PLYMOUTH 175-A PROJECT UTILITY WORK AND PETROLEUM RECOVERY SYSTEM IN ADVANCE

OF BRIDGE REPLACEMENT OVER THE PEMIGEWASSET RIVER

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation announces that major construction work is scheduled to resume the week of May 24, 2004 on the drilling of utility directional bores under the Pemigewasset River. These bores will contain water, sewer, and telecommunications utilities which will service Plymouth State University, Holderness School, and nearby homes and businesses.

This work is being done to prepare for the replacement of the bridge carrying NH Route 175A over the Pemigewasset River, which is scheduled to begin in March 2005.

This utility work should take about four weeks to complete. A petroleum recovery system and sealable sheet pile wall will be constructed later this summer.

Traffic will be maintained on NH 175-A during the directional bores and utility connections but may have to be alternating one-way during the during work hours. In addition, NH Route 175-A will have to be closed between NH Route 3/25 in Plymouth and South River Road in Holderness for two days for the installation of the sealable sheet pile wall. Pedestrian traffic will be maintained during that period.

Winterset Inc. of Lyndonville, VT is the prime contractor for \$1.5 million project, which is scheduled to be completed in the fall 2004.